GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROGRESS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Ministry Unhappy over Slow Progress of Rural Projects` as reported in the Hindu dated June 17, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have made any review in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome of the review, State-wise;

(e) whether some State Governments have not submitted the audit reports and utilization certificates for the previous fiscal year in regard to funds released under the various rural development schemes/programmes;

(f) if so, the details in this regard, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(g) the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released to the States ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 36 due for Answer on 16.07.2002.

The Ministry of Rural Development undertakes regular reviews of theperformance of various Programmes in the States and Union Territories. The Ministry have also placed relevant information in the public domain to promote transparency in the process of release of funds for Rural Development Schemes.The news-item in question which appeared in `The Hindu` on 17th June, 2002 was based on a Press Release of the Ministry dated 14th June, 2002.

2. Following the Review Meetings, while considerable improvement has beennoticed in financial performance, the States have to continue to take sustained interest in Rural Development activities and need to regularly interact with the DRDAs, so as toensure that the funds are properly spent and the Programmes gain further momentum. In the Review Meetings, emphasis is also laid on quality of implementation of the Programmes.

3. The Schemes under which the States/UTs were unable to obtain the fullallocations during the year 2001-02, due to non-submission of Utilisation Certificate/Audit Report, are given in the Annexure, State-wise.

4. The funds allocated to a State/UT for a particular year get lapsed, if they are not released within the same financial year.

Annexure referred in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 36 due for Answer on 16.07.2002.

State-wise position regarding non-release of full allocation during 2001-02.

S. No. State/UT Schemes for which full Central Allocation was not released

1. Arunachal Pradesh SGSY, Sanitation, NOAPS, NFBS

2. Assam NOAPS, NFBS

3. Bihar SGSY, NFBS, IAY

4. Chattisgarh IAY, NOAPS

5. Gujarat NOAPS, NFBS
6. Haryana Sanitation, NOAPS

7 Jammu & Kashmir IAY, NOAPS, NFBS

8. Jharkhand IAY, NOAPS, NFBS

9. Karnataka NOAPS,
10. Maharashtra NOAPS, NFBS
11. Manipur NOAPS
12. Meghalaya NOAPS
13. Mizoram NOAPS, NFBS
14. Nagaland Sanitation, NOAPS, NFBS
15. Orissa IAY
16. Punjab NOAPS, NFBS
17. Rajasthan NOAPS
18. West Bengal NOAPS
19. A & Nicobar Island EAS, NOAPS, NFBS
20 Daman & Diu NFBS

EAS : Employment Assurance Scheme
IAY : Indira Awaas Yojana
SGSY : Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana
NOAPS : National Old Age Pension Scheme
NFBS : National Family Benefit Scheme